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MINIMUM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO CHILD CARE AND SCHOOL

Upon entry or transfer into a child care or school setting, documentary proof shall be provided of adequate immunization with the prescribed number of doses of vaccine indicated below, **as appropriate for the child's age:**

DTaP, DTP, DT or Td - A minimum of 3 doses. A child must have at least one dose of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis-containing vaccine after the fourth birthday. If the child has received six doses before the fourth birthday, additional doses are contraindicated. DT vaccine is required for children medically exempt from pertussis vaccine. Adult Td is required for children 7 years of age and older who do not meet the minimum requirements.

Polio - A minimum of 3 doses of OPV or IPV in any combination. If a child has had only 3 doses of polio vaccine, one dose must have been administered after the fourth birthday. However, a child who has received four doses before the fourth birthday, is adequately immunized and does **not** need a dose after the fourth birthday.

Hib - This vaccine is required **only** for children up to 30 months of age. A complete series consists of either 2 or 3 doses (depending on manufacturer) followed by a booster dose at age 12-15 months. However, the number of doses required is governed by the child's current age and not the number of prior doses received. Unvaccinated children between the ages of 15 and 30 months are only required to have one dose of vaccine.

Hepatitis B - A minimum of 3 doses for all children born on and after January 1, 1994 (with at least 4 months spacing between the 1st and 3rd doses).

Measles, Mumps, Rubella - A minimum of 2 measles, 1 mumps and 1 rubella. (Most children receive 2 doses of each because the vaccine is usually given as MMR). First dose must be administered at age 12 months (365 days) or older. Second dose of measles vaccine does not have to be administered until age 4-6 years (at entry to kindergarten) but can be administered at any time after the minimum interval between dose 1 and dose 2. The minimum interval is one month (28 days).

*****FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONSULT THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH'S REGULATIONS FOR THE IMMUNIZATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN, AUGUST 1, 1995*****

NEW LEGISLATION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999:

Varicella - All susceptible children born on and after January 1, 1997, shall be required to have a dose of chickenpox vaccine not earlier than the age of 12 months (365 days).

Hepatitis B for 6th Graders -Beginning July 1, 2001, all children who have not received three doses of hepatitis B vaccine will be required to receive such immunization prior to entering the 6th grade.

Current as of April 1999